

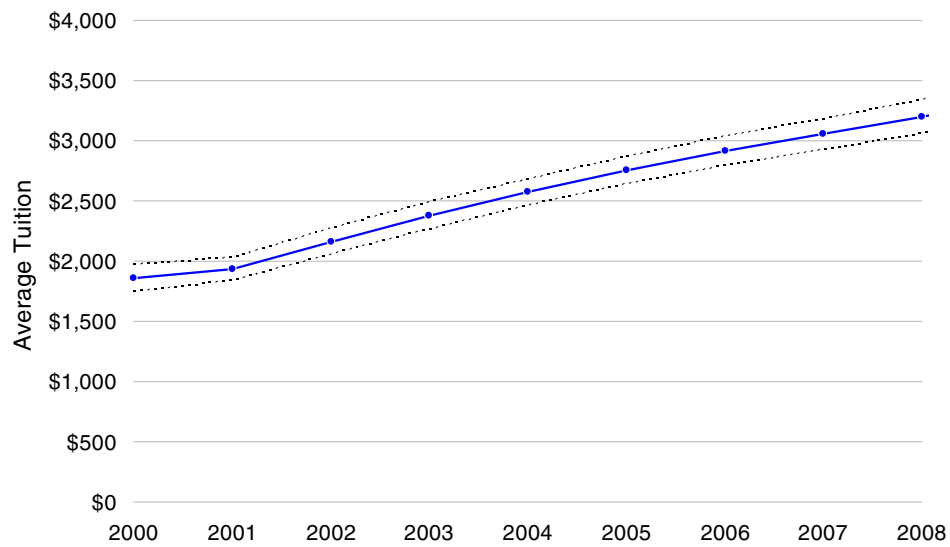
Iowa Community College Tuition and Fees: Fiscal Year 2009

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Average Tuition & Variability

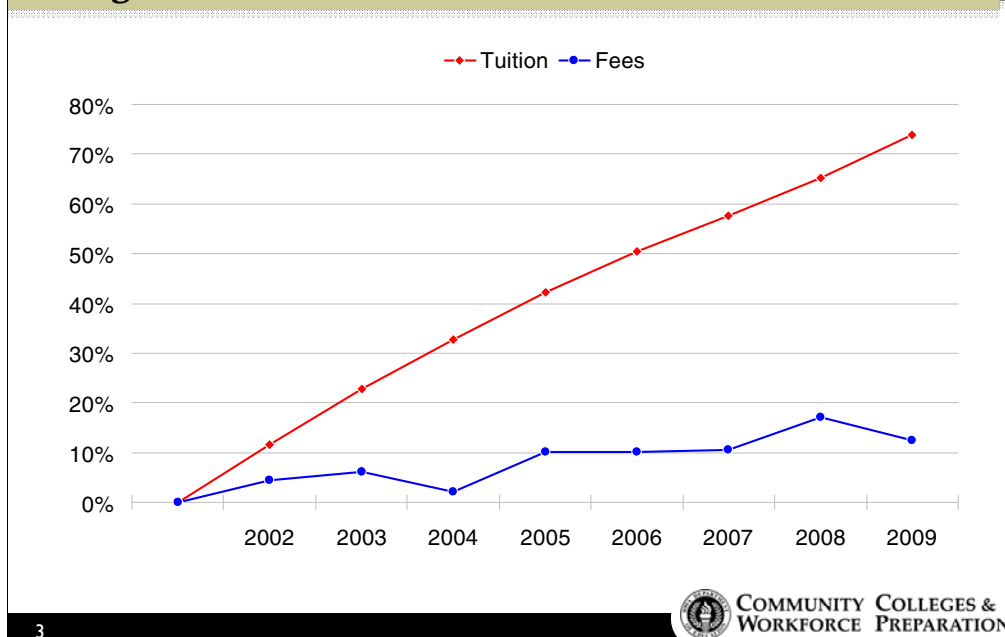


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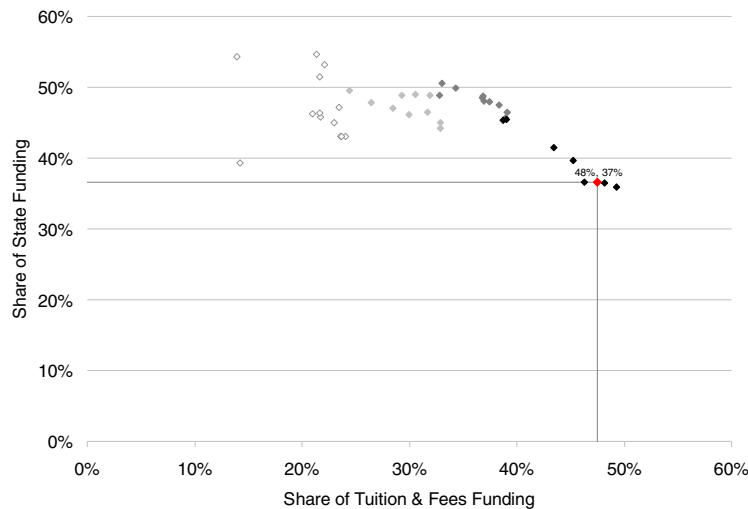
Tuition has grown an average of 6.9% since 2000 to \$3,368, above the average rate of inflation over the same period. The range of tuition has also increased. In 2000, when average tuition was \$1,856, tuition typically varied plus/minus \$111. In 2009, average tuition is \$3,660 and varies plus/minus \$159. In effect, there is a greater range of tuition levels in the state.

Changes in Tuition and Fees



Tuition has increased 74 percent since 2001 (note: the report states a different number because it uses 2000 as the base year), while fees only rose 12.5 percent in the same period to \$280.73. Tuition grew an average of 6.34% per year, nearly twice the rate of inflation, while fees grew an average of 1.3%--half the rate of inflation. Unlike public four-year colleges nationwide, Iowa's community colleges have been able to limit fee increases. In 2005-2006, fees at universities rose by an average of 8 to 11 percent.

Proportion of State and Tuition & Fees Funding

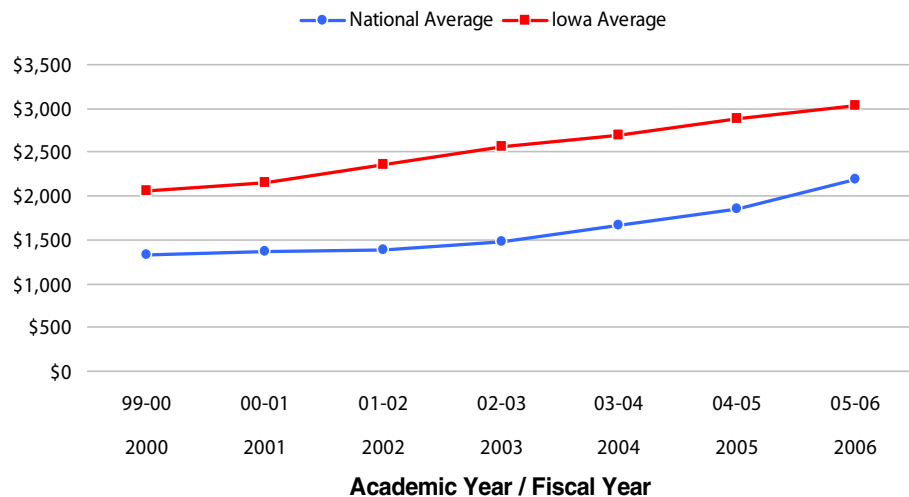


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Three pieces of data are noted in this graph. First, the trend in state aid as a share of total revenues; second, the trend in tuition and fees as a share of total revenues; and finally, the relationship between state aid and tuition & fees. The lighter points represent the 1970s and 1980s while the darker points represent the 1990s, 2000s, and the red point is 2007. State aid composed over 40% of community college revenues up through the early 2000s (dropped below 40% in 2002). Meanwhile, tuition & fees has grown. Traditionally, tuition & fees composed less than 40% of total revenues until 2002. In 2005, the share of tuition & fees composed almost half, 49%, of total revenues. National data indicates tuition & fees compose around 20 percent of total revenues for two-year public colleges. In 2007, the latest data point, the share of tuition & fees was 48% and state aid composed 37 percent.

National Comparison (FY 2000-2006)

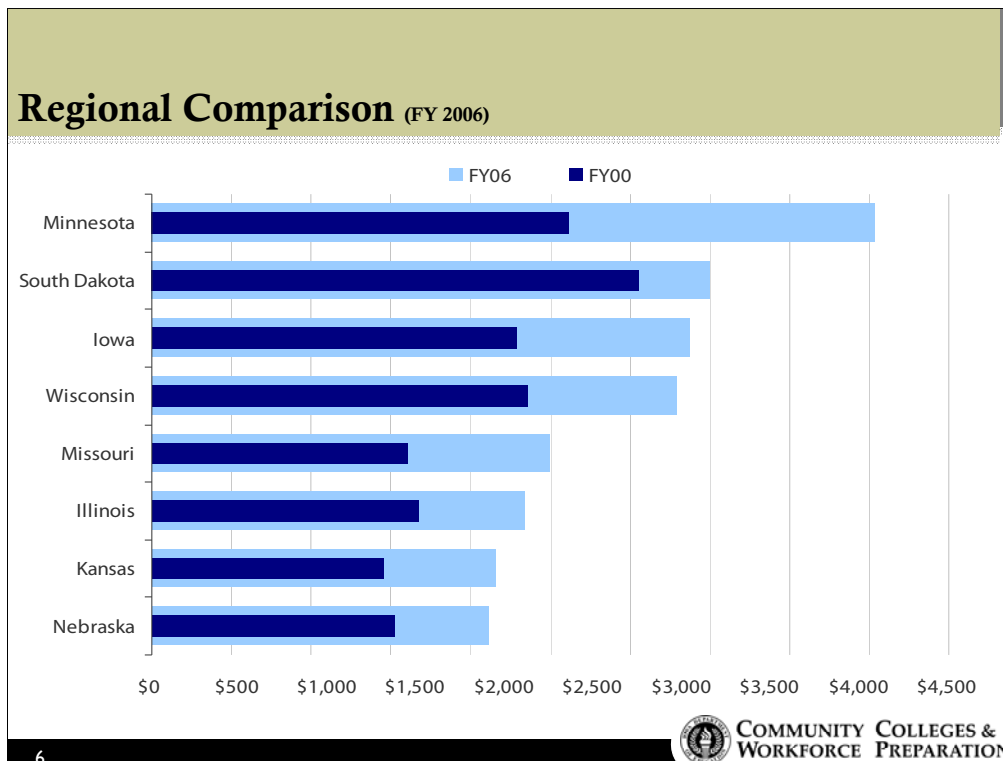


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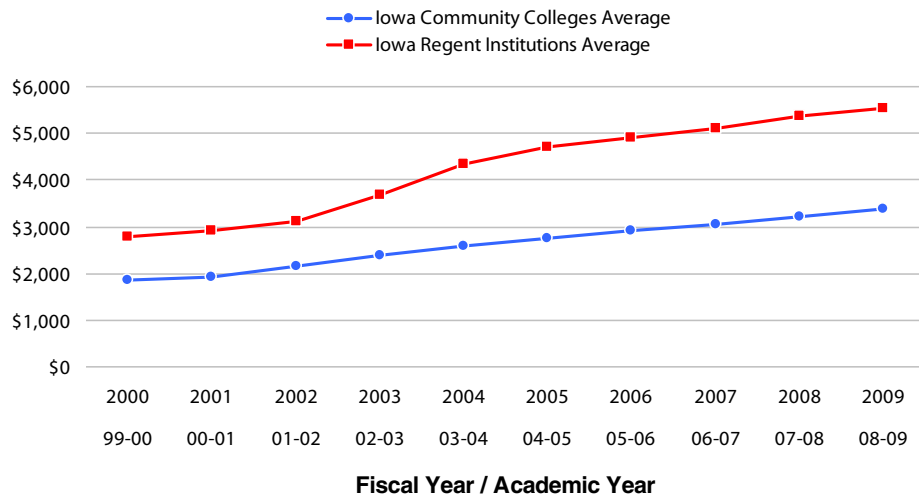
This chart shows average tuition and fees for Iowa and nationally for FY06 (the latest year that national data is available). Between FY00 and FY06, average tuition and fees at Iowa community colleges increased 47% while the national average increased 63%. Despite the slower growth, tuition and fees in Iowa remain well above the national average – 39% higher in FY06.



In FY06, Iowa had the third highest average tuition and fees of contiguous states. In FY00, Iowa was ranked fourth in the region – Iowa has since surpassed Wisconsin (in FY03) with average tuition and fees exceeded only by Minnesota and South Dakota.

While Iowa has the third highest average tuition and fees in the region, it ranks fourth in terms of growth rate behind Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Kansas. Minnesota had the largest growth rate (73%), much of it due to a significant cut in state support in FY05.

Comparison with Regent Universities



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While the tuition and fees of Iowa community colleges are high relative to the region and nationally, they remain well below Iowa Regent universities. By law, community colleges tuition may not exceed the minimum tuition charged by a Regent university.

In FY09, community college average tuition will be nearly 39% below the Regent universities' average tuition.

Regent university average tuition will increase 3.2%, which is lower than the 5.3% increase for Iowa community colleges. With the exception of FY09, since FY03, nominal tuition increases at Regent universities have outpaced those at community colleges. Additionally, as this chart shows, there is a widening gap between average tuition and fees at Regent universities and community colleges.

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